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# I

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## STARRED QUESTIONS

### Famine

*Expenditure on famine works in Ganjam district from* 1908.

*118 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of money that was spent on famine works in the Ganjam district from the year 1908 to 1928 ; and

(*b*) the total amount spent on famine works in the Goomsur and Chatrapur divisions in the years 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919 and 1920 ?

*A.*—(*a*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the reply given to clause (*b*) of question No. 381 which was answered on 18th March 1927. No expenditure has been incurred on famine works in the district subsequent to 18th March 1927.

(*b*) The year 1919 was the only one of those mentioned in which relief works were in being. The hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 1271, Revenue, dated 9th June 1927 (which has been placed on the Editors' Table) for particulars of the expenditure in that year.

### Inland Waterways

*Improvements to the Cooum and the Buckingham canal.*

*119 *Q.*—Mr. C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what sum out of the supplemental grant of 1·40 lakhs sanctioned by the Legislative Council in November 1927 for the capital outlay on the scheme for the improvements to the Cooum and the Buckingham canal within the City limits, was actually expended by the Government by the end of 31st March 1928, on (1) plants and tool, (2) on establishments and (3) on other items;

(*b*) whether the work is likely to be finished before the current year, if not, when it is likely to be finished ;

(*c*) whether the Government had considered, in connexion with the present improvements scheme, the question of widening and deepening the Buckingham canal from the Senate House bridge to Mylapore or Papanchavadi wooden bridge to afford proper facilities for boats traffic especially during the summer season ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that at present the merchants find it difficult to transport their goods by boats from Papanchavadi to Periyamet in the hot months of the year and that they are obliged to tranship their goods from

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boats to carts for transport from Mylapore to Periyamet or Elephant Gate wharf for want of sufficient depth of water in the said length of the Buckingham canal ; and

(e) whether the Government have taken any practical steps for deepening the canal with reference to the assurance given by the then Law Member during the Budget debates on 18th March 1926 ?

*A.*—(*a*) The capital outlay on the scheme up to end of March 1928 is as follows :—

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| (1) Tools and plant ... ... ... ... | 459 |
| (2) Establishment ... ... ... ... | 25 |
| (3) Other items ... ... ... ... | 25,702 |
| Total ... | 26,186 |

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) & (*e*) The question of improvements to the Buckingham canal was considered separately and an estimate, amounting to Rs. 1,92,000, was sanctioned in January last for deepening the Junction canal (portion of the canal from St. Mary's bridge to the Adyar river) and the South canal (from the Adyar river southwards to Merkanam). A sum of Rs. 62,700 has also been provided for expenditure on this work in the current year.

(*d*) It was to meet such complaints that the expenditure referred to in the answer to clauses (*c*) and (*e*) was sanctioned.

## Irrigation

*Investigation into the Tungabhadra project.*

*120 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in regard to the Tungabhadra project—

(*a*) when the Special Executive Engineer and his staff were appointed and when they exactly began work ; and

(*b*) what further work of investigation has been carried on by them since that date ?

*A.*—(*a*) Orders sanctioning the constitution of the special investigation division were issued on 29th March 1928. Mr. Ireland, the Executive Engineer appointed to the division, joined on 30th April 1928.

(*b*) His report [a] showing the progress made is laid on the table.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member, with reference to the last sentence of the appendix, whether the Government are prepared to go on with the investigation of suspended schemes in so far as the Engineer does not hold out hopes of a very large scheme, so far as Tungabhadra is concerned ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"The suggestion will be considered, Sir."

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 310-312 infra.